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**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1731**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Giacomo Stefano Roba <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION)	Confirmation No.: 5933
FURNACE FOR DRAWING)	
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS)	
TO OPTICAL FIBRES)	

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Sir:

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, the period for response having been extended to March 20, 2007 by a petition for one-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the proposed Amendment After Final placing the claims in better condition for appeal or allowance and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.